(xi) Local entrepreneurs at village levels will be provided soft loans and encouraged to run ambulance services to supplement the existing arrangements for referral transporation.

(xii) Increased vocational training schemes for girls, leading to self-empoyment will be encouraged.

(xiii) Strict enforcement of Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1976.

(xiv) Strict enforcement of the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994.

(xv) Soft loans to ensure mobility of the ANMs will be increased.

(xvi) The 42nd Constitutional Amendment has frozen the number of representatives in the Lok Sabha (on the basis of population) at 1971 Census levels. The freeze is currently valid until 2001, and has served as an incentive for State Governments to fearlessly pursue the agenda for population stabilisation. This freeze needs to be extended until 2026.

Primary Health Centres

†3949. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and locations of primary health centres in the districts of Aajamgarh, Mau and Muzaffarnagar, till 31st March, 2001;

(b) the number of primary health centres out of the above where doctors are not available;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is a fact that doctors are not visiting health centres and are engaged in private practice; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps being taken to remove the doctors engaged in private practice alongwith the details of the measures being taken to make the doctors available in health centres every day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The number and location-wise details of Primary Health Centres functioning in these districts is not available with the Centre. The State Government of U.P. has repeatedly been requested to furnish the requisite data. Information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House, subsequently.

Decline in rate of AIDS

3950. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of AIDS has come down during 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the number of AIDS deaths occured during the last three years, State-wise and whether this has reduced compared to previous two years; and

(c) the measures being taken to bring down rate to zero?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A statement indicating the number of reported AIDS deaths state-wise during last three years is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, a comprehensive programme is currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme. The main components consists of:—

* Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counselling, condom promotion, treatment of sexually transmitted infections.